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SUBJ: TEXTILES: MARCH 16 U.S. STATEMENT AT TEXTILES COMMITTEE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF U.S. STATEMENT DELIVERED AT MARCH 16
OPENING SESSION OF GATT TEXTILES COMMITTEE:

"THANKYOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

"WHEN THE TEXTILES COMMITTEE MET HERE IN GENEVA SOME THREE
MONTHS AGO, I STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES BELIEVED THAT THE
MFA HAS MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE
IN TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS. I NOTED OUR BELIEF THAT THE
MFA SHOULD BE RENEWED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THE
UNITED STATES WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT RENEWAL WITHOUT CHANGE.
MOST OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES EXPRESSED SIMILAR
VIEWS, BUT SOME COUNTRIES INDICATED THAT THEY FELT CHANGES
WERE NEEDED. THESE COUNTRIES INDICATED IN DECEMBER THAT THEY
NEED MORE TIME, HOWEVER, TO PUT THEIR PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE
IN SPECIFIC FORM.

"WE HAVE NOTED THAT SO FAR TODAY, SEVERAL COUNTRIES
HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS IN
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SOME GREATER DETAIL. THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAS STATED
IT IS NOT YET ABLE TO PUT FORTH SPECIFIC NEGOTIATING
PROPOSALS ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE CLARIFIED THEIR VIEWS SOME-
WHAT ON A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT POINTS. AND OUR COL-
LEAGUES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS CANADA, AUSTRIA
AND THE NORDIC COUNTRIES HAVE GONE STILL FURTHER IN THE
DIRECTION OF MORE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, BUT IMPORTANT

DETAILS ARE STILL LACKING. OTHER COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY SOME OF THE EXPORTING COUNTRIES, WILL DOUBTLESS ALSO BE EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS SHORTLY.

"AT THIS POINT, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD SIMPLY LIKE TO NOTE THAT THE POSITION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON MFA RENEWAL HAS NOT CHANGED. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE MFA MAKES AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO ORDERLY TRADE IN TEXTILES. WE BELIEVE THE MFA SHOULD BE RENEWED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT RENEWAL WITHOUT CHANGE NOW.

"LIKE OUR JAPANESE COLLEAGUES -- AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES THOROUGHLY ENDORSES THE POINT OF VIEW PUT FORTH BY THE DISTINGUISHED DELEGATE FROM JAPAN -- WE ARE PREPARED TO LISTEN TO, AND TO JOIN IN THE DISCUSSION OF, ALL PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MFA. BUT WE DO ALSO BELIEVE, ALONG WITH OUR JAPANESE COLLEAGUES, THAT THIS DIALOGUE SHOULD BE AIMED AT EARLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN A MANNER WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO AN EARLY DECISION TO EXTEND THIS IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT. WE URGE ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN IN THIS EFFORT WITH ALL DELIBERATE SPEED."SORENSEN

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